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Dear Shore Fishery Lease Holder:

We'd like to bring you up to date on the latest developments within the Shore Fishery leasing program. In order to comply with state law*, the DNR Shore Fishery Unit recently conducted an internal review of the administrative costs involved in running the Shore Fishery leasing program. Per our regulations, the annual lease rental should be equal to program expenses. Despite continuous decreases in program receipts, we are pleased to announce there will be no increase to your annual rent at this time. Although, some of our expenses have increased and will most likely continue on an upward trend, we've improved our efficiency through technological advances.

Many of you may recall in 1999, the legislature drastically reduced the Shore Fishery program budget, which affected our services to you. However, due to the successful lobbying and proactive support of the setnetting community, the program's budget was reinstated the following year. As a result, the unit now staffs three fulltime positions. In the last two years, some of our accomplishments include issuing 26 new leases, resolving 8 conflicts, processing over 2135 phone calls and 3700 letters, renewing 164 shore fishery leases, and reviewing 31 diagrams. In addition, we've given our website a facelift to assist you in managing your fishing interests.

Regardless of statewide challenges within the commercial salmon industry, the Department of Natural Resources remains committed to the development of shore fisheries. We strongly believe the Shore Fishery leasing program adds value to Alaska's land and resources through the orderly development of our state's tide and submerged lands. Above all, we are dedicated to providing you with the highest quality of customer service.

Please feel free to call us if we can assist you in any way, and don't forget to visit our website!

Sincerely,

Shore Fishery Unit Staff
<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/shore>
907.269.8503

*AS 38.05.082 (c), *Leases for Shore Fisheries Development*, and 11 AAC 64.370, *Annual Rental*: The last rent adjustment occurred in 1993 when rates increased from \$150 to \$300.

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